

The Grapevine



Sacramento Home Winemakers

(SHW) monthly meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month starting at 7 PM, upstairs at the Turn Verein located at 3349 J Street in midtown Sacramento. For more information on SHW membership, meetings and activities, visit:

www.sachomewine.org

SHW 40TH Anniversary Party!!

Our April 17th meeting will be devoted to the Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of the Sacramento Home Winemakers Club.

The gathering will begin at 6:30pm and formally start at 7:00pm. Suggested attire is vintage 70's clothing. We will be playing music from 1973/1974 and we will have a running slide show of old pictures submitted by members. (Please feel free to send any pictures from the 1970's of yourself if you were not a member at that time. Send photos ASAP to: cclark914@hotmail.com)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE EVENING

(Courtesy of Prez Gary Young)

A.. Bring a fabulous dish to share with others. This is a POTLUCK of WINE, FOOD, AND REMINISCENCES. Hmmm - that sounds like our usual club meeting

B. Do BRING WINE to drink and share with your fellow celebrants.

C. Do Bring your Wine Glass(s) for enjoying the Bountiful Plenitude.

D. There will be a "People's Choice" Judging (Prize(s) to be Awarded) of the Best Old (6 years or older) Red and White wines.

In addition, an award will be given for the "Oldest (drinkable) Wine" submitted.

(I was in my "Cellar" today searching for that forgotten bottle of 1997 Pinot Noir that might (or might not) charm you all.)

E Do look forward to enjoying a rewarding and interesting evening of wine, food, and remembrances.

F. Remember also to bring a bottle or two of your finest wines for our members to pour at the Winemaker Magazine Conference coming up next month in

Monterrey, California.



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President's Message
By Gary Young
SHW President



Dear Fellow Members:

"THANK-YOU" is a phrase that might seem over used; but, that seldom is the case. So, I want to sincerely **THANK** all of you for choosing to be members of the Sacramento Home Winemakers Club.

I do so because, I believe a Club collectively personifies the needs, vision and energy of it's members. And, I do feel blessed to be associated with a Club that has managed, through the collective efforts of so many hard working individual members, to have survived and prospered over the past 40 years.

So, again, I want to thank all of you for choosing to participate and contribute your energies to what has become a long lived tradition.

It is evident, that as should be the case, all long lived things do, fortunately, require the application of copious amounts of - - - WINE.

This year it is a convenient coincidence that we are members of 2012's **"CLUB OF THE YEAR"** as awarded by **"THE WINE MAKER Magazine.!!**

Fortunately, I am happy to note, we all continue to strive (and succeed) to make better and better wines.

Cheers - to All of You. Enjoy a Long and Happy Life. - - with Wine!!

2013 shw program calendar

April 17—SHW 40th Anniversary Party

May 4—UCD Brewery, Winery, and Food Science Building

May 15—2012 Non-Bordeaux Varietal Evaluations

June 1—June Jubilee Competition/Picnic

June 19—Bordeaux varietal wine evaluations

With Chik Brenneman

July 17—Bordeaux varietal evaluations

August 3—Winemaking 101 Class

October 16 –John Hyde—"Why Branding is So Important to New Commercial Wineries" AND Barbara Bentley on "Designing and Printing wine labels for Home Wine"

November—Harvest Dinner

November 13th—Annual Meeting, travelogue, and dessert/sparkling and fruit wine evaluations

December—Holiday Party

Coffee keeps me busy until it's acceptable to drink wine.



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June Jubilee competition June 1, 2013

It's that time again! The June Jubilee is the Club's annual wine competition and picnic for ALL members and guests! The location will be Judy Pinegar's Back Yard and Barn. (Note: it is a yuppie barn – no hay or horse poop.) Judy Pinegar is also the Event Coordinator.

To ENTER the wine competition, you must do so by May 20, 2013, Monday! See entry forms and rules elsewhere in this newsletter. Remember – you MUST enter this event to compete in the Winemaker of the Year Competition!

To RESERVE a picnic spot, please do so by May 28, 2013 using the form below.

Wine Judging Event:

The SHW Chief Judge will be assembling the panel of experienced wine judges. The competition will begin shortly after 8 AM.



Please volunteer:

Cellar Rats (10) are needed to help pour wines and perform other tasks as assigned (may include dumping out spit buckets, etc). Rats are on the front line of the judging; no prior experience required. We probably have enough volunteers already, but Contact Cellar Master Henry Wilkinson. **Do NOT expect to just show up and work** – Please call ahead.

Judging Clerks (4) help manage the judging panels and tabulate the judging results. No experience is necessary; ability to add correctly is a plus. Please contact Gin Yang at ginyangstaehlin@yahoo.com or 916-217-0294.

Attendees may begin assembling on the yard around 1 PM. **Please do NOT interrupt the wine judging, or come into the Barn.** The actual picnic/BBQ will begin at 2 PM or when the judging is complete. Joe McGillivray has volunteered to fire up the BBQ! We need *a volunteer to coordinate the clean-up?* and clean up before? Please lend a hand call Judy 916-224-6742.

Please bring a dish to share at the potluck: appetizer, salad, entree, or dessert according to the following list based of your last name (first initial): **A – G = Salads or Sides/ H – M =Desserts / N – Y = Appetizers.**

The club will provide BBQ meat, Chili Beans, French bread, and lots of water. When the judging is complete, all wines from the competition will become available for tasting, including the Golds and Best of Shows. Remember to bring your wine glasses. DO NOT USE Club Judging glasses, Please. For those of you who are new to the event, Judy's place has 2 ½ acres with room to explore nature in the summer. Some of Judy's lawn chairs are available, but club members should bring their own lawn chairs, blankets, or whatever if they want to be sure to have a place to sit on the lawn under the trees. The swimming pool also will be open, so bring your suit, hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses (if it is warm enough!). The event is great fun, lawn games will be available, and the party sometimes goes until dark... so plan on making a day of it! Children and guests are welcome!

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Directions to Judy's Place:

From Sacramento: take I-80 east, to the town of Loomis, Horseshoe Bar Rd Exit. Turn left (toward Folsom Lake) (also stay Left at the next STOP sign) and go 4.3 mi. to El Monte Drive (left turn), then turn right at Vista Court, 9195 is at top left. The driveway to the back yard and barn is before the house.

From Folsom area: get on Auburn-Folsom Road, going toward Auburn. Turn left at Horseshoe Bar Road, make first right at El Monte Drive, and follow directions as above.
Lost? (916) 652-5198 or (916) 224-6742 cell for Judy.

Picnic Cost:

The cost is \$10 per SHW member and \$15 per non-SHW member if you reserve by Monday May 28, 2013. After that date, picnic reservations are \$20 and \$25, respectively. Children under 12 are free! Please reserve space and pay in advance, so that we can order the correct quantities of food. Send your money along with the reservation form below.

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I will attend the Picnic:

Name(s) _____

Number of Members _____ **@ \$10 per person**

Non-members _____ **@\$15 per person.....Children (free)_____**

Send to: Mike Touchette, SHW Treasurer, PO Box 894, Rancho Cordova, CA 95741

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TOUR OF UC DAVIS BREWERY, WINERY, AND FOOD SCIENCE BUILDING

Saturday, May 4, 2013

Not only do we live in the midst of some of the best wine grapes in the world but we also have one of the world's most highly regarded Viticulture and Enology teaching programs in our backyard, at UC Davis. The university recently completed a \$20 million 34,000 square foot state-of-the art Teaching and Research Winery and the August A. Busch III Brewing and Food Science Laboratory that houses the labs and research facilities for the winery, brewery and food science programs. The 2010 facility earned LEED Platinum certification, the highest environmental rating awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Put on your most comfortable walking shoes, bring your questions and enjoy an in-depth tour of UC Davis' Brewery, Winery and Food Science (BWF) labs. You won't want to miss this one-of-a-kind tour. Here are the details:

Date and Time: May 4, Saturday, 10 AM. Tour will last 1-2 hours depending on questions.

Parking: parking is available in the Visitor Lot 2 or south entry parking structure. See UC Davis website – campus map <http://campusmap.ucdavis.edu/> or at www.maps.google.com enter 38.532943,-121.750166. The surface lot will be closest to the entrance of the BWF building. Parking is not enforced on the weekend (unless there is a special campus event) so no cost.

Directions and Where to Meet: From I-80, take Old Davis Road (main campus exit), follow to north and road will turn to east. Go past the traffic circle and the Robert Mondavi Building, turn right onto Hilgard Lane. Park. Building is south of the 3-story Robert Mondavi academic lab buildings.

The winery/brewery (BWF) is a *one-story* building. Meet at the entrance off the parking lot.

What We'll See: the tour will explain a little on the exterior (surrounding buildings, the landscape design and unique rainwater capture system) and then mainly in the interior. We'll focus on the winery side (special collections room, main fermentation room, long term bottle and barrel storage, offices and lab), but will also see the Food Sciences side which includes the brewery, milk processing room and food pilot plant. The tour will give an overview of the teaching and research and special features of the building, such as its LEED Platinum certification and the 152 custom small research fermenters.

The building's environmental design also includes conserving processing water and on-site solar power generation. The winery is planned to capture carbon dioxide from fermentation and removing it from the building using an innovative process. The ultimate goal is for the building to not contribute to global warming.

The Shaker and Mover: The tour's leader is SHW member Julianne Nola, UC Davis' Assistant Director of Project Management in the campus' Design and Construction Management Division. Julie was the project architect for this building that was completed in 2010 and the building is the second UC Davis facility to receive LEED Platinum certification.

Contact Co-Vice President John Avila at mail@john-avila.com and 916 997-7554 for additional information.

MEMBER RESOURCES

Winemaking and Vineyard Mentors	Contact Mentor Coordinator Bill Staehlin and he'll match you up with a mentor. bill.staehlin@sbcglobal.net; 916 216-1753
Club Equipment Rental	See list on right for information to borrow the Club's destemmer-crusher, press, and filter.
Oak Cubes for Ageing	Contact Bill Staehlin; contact info above.
SHW Logo Wine Glasses	Contact Sue Summersett to purchase SHW logo wine glasses. sbsummer2002@yahoo.com; 916 354-2050
SHW LogoWear	Contact Fred Millar for more information.
Polo Shirts & Caps	Fredmillar1@gmail.com; 915 576-9596
Club's Web Site	www.SacHomeWine.org

CLUB EQUIPMENT

Club equipment can be borrowed by SHW members. Reservations are handled on a first come, first served basis with a signed "Release Agreement" on file.

Destemmer-Crusher

Contact:

Andy Walter, 916 955-6373
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Basket Press

Contact:

Lynn Keay, 916 969-4924
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Filter

Contact:

Donna Bettencourt, 916 454-5487, betten-
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Please note that there is a \$5 per use fee for the filter, and a \$10 fee for the crusher-destemmer. No fee for the club press.

Upcoming home wine competitions and events

May 11—El Dorado County Fair Home Wine Competition. Entry deadline May 3. Contact: www.eldoradocountyfair.org

May 17-18- International Winemaking Magazine Home Wine Competition and Conference, Monterrey, CA

June 1—Sacramento Home Winemakers June Jubilee

June 8—Orange County Home Wine Competition—Entry Deadline May 18. <http://competition.ocws.org>

June 22—ART AND WINE IN THE PARK. Arts and craft vendors, food, live music and a silent auction. Library Park in Lakeport, 1-5pm. Contact Ed Bublitz, edandcharb1@att.net